

Why is reading important?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, more than one in three American children start kindergarten without the skills they need to learn to read. About two-thirds of children can't read proficiently by the end of the third grade.

Reading aloud to your children is the best way to encourage a life-long love and enjoyment of reading.

Library! at Main

715 S. Capitol Blvd | Boise, ID 83702 | (208) 972-8200
Mon-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5

Library! at Bown Crossing

2153 East Riverwalk Dr. | Boise, ID 83706 | (208) 972-8360

Mon-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 12-5, Sun 1-5

Library! at Cole and Ustick

7557 W Ustick Rd. | Boise, ID 83704 | (208) 972-8300
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Library! at Collister

4724 W. State St. | Boise, ID 83703 | (208) 972-8320
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Boise Public
Library



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Kindergarten Lions

Library!



Reading Activities



Visit the Boise Public Library and register your child to receive their very own library card.



Choose 8-10 words your child is learning (small words like "at" are fine). Write each word on a separate piece of paper and spread the papers on the floor. Take turns reading and jumping from word to word. Change up the words as your child learns more sight words!



Attend a storytime at the Boise Public Library. Find our current dates and times online at www.boisepubliclibrary.org/



Read an original story and a retelling (such as *The Three Little Pigs* by Paul Galdone, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka, and *The Three Little Gators* by Helen Ketteman) and talk about the differences and similarities.



Read a non-fiction book together. Try reading about a place you or your child want to visit, a sport you want to learn to play, or a planet far away.

Digital Resources

All resources are available at www.boisepubliclibrary.org/

OverDrive

- Downloadable ebooks and eaudiobooks for all ages.
- Use your Boise Public Library card to access for free.
- No late fees.
- Wide selection of titles.
- Download the Libby app on Android or iOS device.

RB Digital

- Downloadable eaudiobooks for all ages.
- Use your Boise Public Library card to access for free.
- No late fees.
- Limited children's selection.
- Download the RBDigital app on Android or iOS device.

Tumblebooks

- eBooks for children to read, listen, and watch animated talking picture books.
- Read-along feature to help strengthen reading skills.
- Games and interactive activities to help strengthen comprehension skills.

NoveList K-8

- Find your child's next read with NoveList K-8.
- Read-alikes for titles, authors, and series.
- Booklists and talking discussions also available.

Looking for a good book to read?

Family Read-Alouds:

Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne *series*
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems
Teddy & Co. by Cynthia Voigt

First Day of School Picture Books:

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
Hello School! by Priscilla Burns
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
Chu's First Day of School by Neil Gaiman
My First Day of School by Marnie Willow

Fairy Tale Retellings:

Hansel and Gretel, Ninja Chicks by Corey Rosen
Schwartz (Hansel and Gretel)
Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex Smith (Little
Red Riding Hood)
La Princesa and the Pea by Susan Elya (Princess and
the Pea)
Believe Me, Goldilocks Rocks! by Nancy Loewen
(Goldilocks and the Three Bears)
The Three Cabritos by Eric Kimmel (Three Billy Goats
Gruff)



Write your child's name on a piece of paper and help your child sound out the letters in their name. Help your child find other written words with the same letters as their name at home, at the library, at the grocery store, etc.



Take a walk around your neighborhood and read the street signs together. When you get home draw a map of your adventure.




Open your pantry or cupboards and have your child help you read the labels on the box. Talk about the different foods, what's inside them, how they are made, or where they came from.




Going out to eat? Take a few extra minutes and read the menu outloud together. Talk about the different kinds of meals there are, what you might like to try next time, or what you definitely wouldn't want to eat.




Plan dinner together one night. Check out a cook book from the library (we have them in the children's section too!) or use your own. Read the recipes together and search your kitchen for the ingredients.




Explore the library's digital resource TumbleBooks. You can read along with the ebooks, play games and puzzles, and watch educational videos together. You can find TumbleBooks, and more digital resources, at www.boisepubliclibrary.org/




Choose a book with a repeated phrase and have your child join in every time you read it. Examples include: Bear Wants More, Very Hungry Caterpillar, Go Dog Go.




Create a "Book Bag" based on your child's favorite story. Fill it with objects that relate to the story in some way and pull them out as you read.




Visit the Boise Public Library Main Branch and check out a Kidpack. These packs have 4-5 books, a music CD or DVD, and a puppet or toy to play with, all based on a theme.




Read a biography together about a famous person your child looks up to. May we suggest any from the 'Who Was' series? Talk about ways your child can or cannot relate to the person's life.




Start a family tradition of reading aloud to your child(ren). Start small by reading for 10 minutes a day for 7 days.




Signs are everywhere. Next time you go to the store, the mall, or the library, have your child try to spot at least 5 signs and read them together.



Add print to your home. Grab an index card or cut up a sheet of paper into 3x5 inch rectangles. Write the names of objects on each sheet and tape up next to where the object is in your home. When you and your child walk by the objects, or use them, read the label together while pointing at the words. (Example: Write "light switch" on a sheet of paper and tape it next to the light switch.)



Build a reading fort, or nook, as a special place to read.



Read a poem to your child. Talk about how poetry differs from a storybook and how it is similar.